

In the claims:

103-114. (Withdrawn)

115. (Currently Amended) A composition of matter comprising an ethanol-water extract of ~~Portulaca oleracea L.~~ Portulaca oleracea L.

116. (Previously Presented) The composition of matter of claim 115, wherein a ratio of said ethanol-water is 80 % -20 %.

117. (Currently Amended) The composition of matter of claim 115, wherein said ethanol-water extract of ~~Portulaca oleracea L.~~ Portulaca oleracea L. is capable of lowering glucose levels in the blood.

118. (Currently Amended) The composition-of-matter of claim 117, wherein said ethanol-water extract of ~~Portulaca oleracea L.~~ Portulaca oleracea L. is capable of increasing glucose transport into cells and/or decreasing glucose adsorption through the intestines.

119-125. (Cancelled)

126-128. (Withdrawn)

129. (Currently Amended) ~~The A composition of matter comprising a polar extract of Portulaca oleracea L., composition of matter of claim 119, wherein said polar fraction extract of Portulaca oleracea L. is being~~ extracted with methanol:ethanol:water in proportions of 1:1:1 and has a Rf value selected from the group consisting of 0.17, 0.27, 0.30, 0.34, 0.39 and 0.41 when subjected to thin-layer chromatographic fractionation on Silica Gel 60 F254 on aluminum using a solvent of dichloromethane: hexane: methanol in proportions of 1:1:0.2.

130-140. (Withdrawn)

141. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for reducing blood glucose levels comprising a therapeutic effective amount of a composition including a polar ~~fraction~~-extract of ~~Portulaca oleracea L.~~ Portulaca oleracea L. and a pharmaceutical acceptable carrier or diluent.

142. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 141, wherein said polar ~~fraction~~-extract has Rf values in a range of 0.0-0.45 when subjected to thin-layer chromatographic fractionation on Silica Gel 60 F254 on aluminum using a solvent of dichloromethane: hexane: methanol in proportions of 1:1:0.2.

143. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 141, wherein said polar ~~fraction~~-extract has Rf values in a range of 0.0-0.32 when subjected to thin-layer chromatographic fractionation on Silica Gel 60 F254 on aluminum using a solvent of dichloromethane: hexane: methanol in proportions of 1:1:0.2.

144. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 141, wherein said polar ~~fraction~~-extract has Rf values in a range of 0.17-0.41 when subjected to thin-layer chromatographic fractionation on Silica Gel 60 F254 on aluminum using a solvent of dichloromethane: hexane: methanol in proportions of 1:1:0.2.

145-147. (Withdrawn)

148. (Cancelled)

149. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 141, wherein said polar ~~fraction~~-extract does not comprise hydrocolloids.

150-183. (Withdrawn)

184. (New) A composition of matter generated by extracting components from *Portulaca oleracea* L. using a polar solvent without prior extraction using a non-polar solvent.

185. (New) The composition of matter of claim 184, wherein said polar solvent consists of a mixture of ethanol and water.

186. (New) The composition of matter of claim 184, wherein said non-polar solvent comprises hexane.